

In the claims:

1 1. A method of selling an item or service to a guest at a coverage area,
2 comprising:
3 reading an identification tag worn by a guest to obtain a tag identifier;
4 accessing a guest data object using said tag identifier; and
5 modifying a sales amount of said item or service from a monetary credits
6 information stored in a monetary credits data field of said guest data object.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said identification tag comprises a radio
2 frequency identification (RFID) tag.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein reading said identification tag comprises
2 using an RFID reader to read said tag identifier from said RFID tag.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein accessing said guest data object
2 comprises a processor retrieving said guest data object stored in a non-volatile memory.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein deducting said sales amount comprises a
2 processor modifying said monetary credits information stored in said monetary credits
3 data field of said guest data object.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said tag identifier
2 and said sales amount from a point-of-sale (POS) system to a central server by way of a
3 communications link.

1 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
2 transmitting information related to said item or service description from said POS
3 system to said central server by way of said communications link; and
4 updating a purchases data field of said guest data object with said item or service
5 description.

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1 8. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
2 transmitting a digital guest photo from said central server to said POS system;
3 and
4 transmitting a guest identification confirmation message from said POS system to
5 said central server if said digital guest photo contains an image of said guest.

1 9. The method of claim 6, further comprising:
2 transmitting a transaction confirmation from said central server to said POS
3 system; and
4 printing sale confirmation information related to said selling of said item or
5 service on a sheet of paper at said POS system.

10. A point-of-sale (POS) system, comprising:

- a reader to read a tag identifier stored in an identification tag worn by a guest at a coverage area;
- an input device to receive information related to an item or service to be purchased by said guest;
- a network interface to communicate with a central server; and
- a processor to cause a transmission of said tag identifier and item or service information to said central server by way of said network interface.

1 11. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said reader
2 comprises a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader.

1 12. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said input device
2 comprises a keyboard.

1 / 13. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said input device
2 comprises a touch screen input device.

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1 14. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said input device
2 comprises a bar code scanner.

1 15. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, further comprising a display
2 for displaying information related to the purchase of said item or service.

1 16. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, further comprising a printer
2 for generating documents containing information related to the purchase of said item or
3 service.

1 17. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said information
2 related to said item or service comprises a sales amount of said item or service.

1 18. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said information
2 related to said item or service comprises a description of said item or service.

1 19. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said information
2 related to said item or service comprises an identification code of said item or service.

1 20. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said processor is
2 capable of receiving a digital photograph of said guest and causing the display of said
3 digital photograph on a display 406.

1 21. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 10, wherein said processor is
2 capable of receiving a digital photograph of said guest from said central server by way of
3 said network interface and causing the display of said digital photograph on a display.

1 22. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 21, wherein said processor is
2 capable of prompting by way of said display to confirm that said digital photograph is of
3 said guest and to cause the transmission of an identification confirmation signal to said
4 central server by way of said network interface.

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1 23. A central server to facilitate transactions within a coverage area,
2 comprising:

3 a non-volatile memory to store a guest data object including a first data field
4 containing information related to monetary credits;

5 a network interface to communicate with a point-of-sale (POS) system; and

6 a processor to receive information related to a guest of said coverage area and
7 information related to an item or service being purchased, and to modify said monetary
8 credits information based on a sales price of said item or service.

1 24. The central server of claim 23, wherein said guest data object further
2 includes a second data field to contain information related one or more items or services
3 purchased by said guest, and wherein said processor causes a storing of said information
4 related to said item or service being purchased into said second data field.

1 25. The central server of claim 23, wherein said guest data object further
2 includes a second data field containing information related to a digital photograph of said
3 guest, and wherein said processor causes a transmission of said guest photograph to said
4 POS system by way of said network interface.

1 26. A guest data object stored in a memory comprising a first data field
2 containing information related to the monetary credits useful for making monetary
3 transactions within a coverage area.

1 27. The guest data object of claim 26, further comprising a second data field
2 containing information related to one or more items or services purchased by a guest
3 within a coverage area.

1 28. The guest data object of claim 26, further comprising a second data field
2 containing information related to an identify of said guest.

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1 29. A data structure stored in a memory defining a first data field for
2 containing information related to monetary credits useful for making monetary
3 transactions within a coverage area.

1 30. The data structure of claim 29, further defining a second data field for
2 containing information related to one or more items or services purchased by a guest
3 within a coverage area.

1 31. The data structure of claim 29, further defining a second data field for
2 containing information related to an identify of said guest.

1 32. A method of selling an item or service to a guest at a coverage area,
2 comprising:
3 reading information related to monetary credits for purchasing said item or
4 service within said coverage area from a tag worn by said guest; and
5 modifying said monetary credits information based on a sales amount of said
6 item or service.

1 33. The method of claim 32, wherein said tag further includes information
2 related to an identity of said guest.

1 34. The method of claim 32, wherein said tag comprises a radio frequency
2 identification (RFID) tag.

1 35. A point-of-sale (POS) system, comprising:
2 an input device to receive information related to an item or service to be
3 purchased by a guest within a coverage area;
4 a reader/writer to read and modify information related to monetary credits for
5 making monetary transaction within a coverage area; and
6 a processor to receive said information related to said item or service to be
7 purchased and said information related to said monetary credits, and to cause said

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8 reader/writer to modify said information related to said monetary credits based on said
9 information related to said item or service to be purchased.

1 36. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 35, wherein said reader/writer
2 comprises a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader/writer.

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